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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 21 to 30 September 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of reconnaissance and provocation.

21 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Aqrah, Amadiyah and Rawandoz.

(b) Southern region: 43 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Samawah, Nasiriyah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi and Salman.

- At 1240 hours on 21 September 1994 a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Qurnah, Amarah, Shatrah, Rifa'i, Samawah and Salman. It departed at 1455 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

22 September 1994

Southern region: 35 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

24 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Atrush and Sarsank.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

- At 1142 hours on 24 September 1994 a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Rifa'i, Shanafiyah, Qurnah, Basra, Faw and Artawi. It departed at 1505 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

25 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Ushbayjah, Busayyah, Artawi and Jalibah.

26 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Basrah and Artawi.

- At 1255 hours on 26 September 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Artawi. It departed at 1620 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

27 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih and Ushbayjah.

28 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

29 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

30 September 1994

Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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